

PRESIDENT WILSON LEARNS OF HIS RENOMINATION AND AGAIN BECOMES THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S CANDIDATE

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LONG BRANCH, N. J., Sept. 2.—President Wilson today formally opened his campaign for re-election with a speech accepting the democratic nomination, in which he characterized the republican party as a "practical and moral failure," defended his Mexican and European policies, recited the executive achievements of his administration and declared for a "big America."

The president left Shadow Lawn at 11 o'clock tonight for Washington. In his speech President Wilson was unsparring in his criticism of the republican party as a party of "masterly inactivity and cunning resourcefulness in standing pat to resist change," and said that the old leaders still refuse to accept the new conditions of the world.

Charles E. Hughes, the republican candidate, by name.

The president spoke from the veranda of his summer home to a crowd which filled 8,000 chairs and overflowed to the lawn.

Speaking in the open his voice could be heard by a small part of the crowd, but those who did hear him constantly interrupted with applause.

Once when he said, "I neither seek the favor nor fear the displeasure of that small alien element amongst us," which puts loyalty to any foreign power before loyalty to the United States," the crowd stood and cheered.

The notification ceremonies were brought to a close when more than a score of American flags attached to parachutes were fired into the air by the mortars and unfolded over the president's head as a band played "America."

Wilson stood more than an hour on the veranda and shook hands with several thousand men, women and children.

Senator James of Kentucky, chairman of the notification committee, introduced the president. When he declared that Mr. Wilson had kept America at peace the crowd responded instantly and applauded several minutes.

He concluded by reading a copy of the St. Louis platform.

With the members of the notification committee headed by Senator James, the president left Shadow Lawn, the summer White House, the president declared the republican party was "just the party that cannot meet the new conditions of a new age" and that the day of Little Americanism when "methods of protection and industrial nursing were the chief duty of our provincial statesmen" was past and gone.

"We can no longer indulge our traditional provincialism," said the president.

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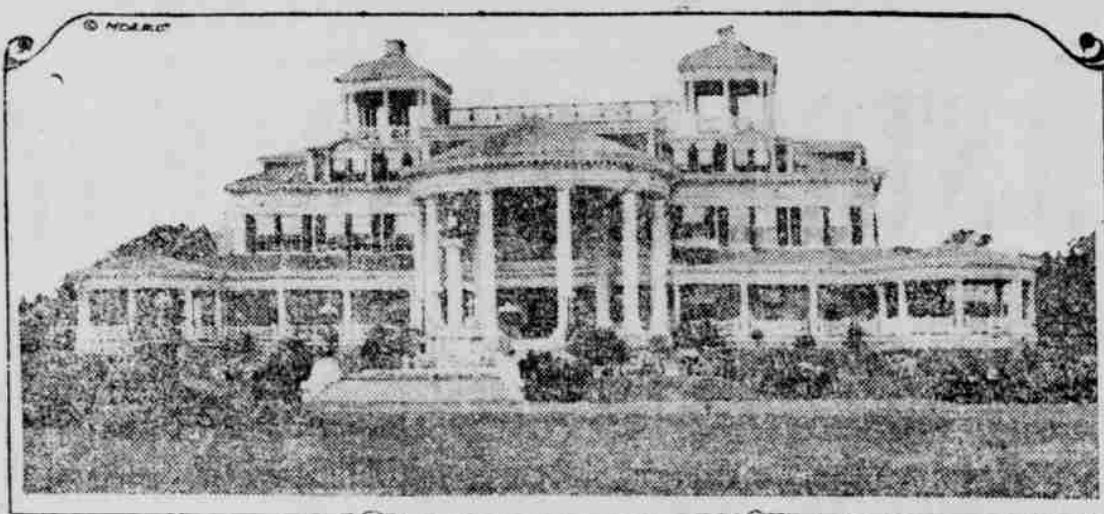
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Speaking of his diplomatic negotiations with the European belligerents the president followed a declaration that while property rights might be vindicated by claims for damages, the loss of life and the fundamental rights of humanity never could be, with this statement:

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But champions of the Adamson bill said in reply that to amend the bill would mean that the strike would not be stopped. They recalled to the senate the declarations of the brotherhood leaders that nothing would serve to stay the strike except the passage and approval of the bill giving them the eight hour day and the proposed investigation.

Senator Reed, taking up cudgels for the brotherhood, asserted that a quorum of the house was in Washington; that it therefore would be impossible to pass the bill if amended in any particular in time to avert the strike on Monday; and congress would be blamed for the disaster if it were not passed in accordance with the plan designed by house leaders.

This line of argument was the day and not only prevented the adoption of the bill, but also served to defeat an amendment by Senator Newlands to make interference with operation of railroad trains a misdemeanor punishable by fine and imprisonment and an amendment by Senator La Follette which would make certain that the new law should not be construed to repeal or modify the railroad service law which prohibits the railroad men from working continuously more than sixteen hours.

The majority of the senators admitted that they were afraid to change the bill in the house but felt that it might serve to forestall what all desired—a prevention of the strike.

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